

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of K.T.D.M., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JERRI DENEAN BECK,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

KENYA McCULLUM,

Respondent.

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No. 243089

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-399620

Before: Griffin, P.J., and Neff and Gage, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). The child remained in foster care for nearly a year. The evidence established that, despite numerous referrals to services, respondent-appellant continued to use drugs, had no income, and did not have suitable housing at the time of the termination hearing. Respondent-appellant also failed to

consistently visit the child, which upset the child greatly. Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Hilda R. Gage